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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S LETTERS TO PRIME MINISTER:
THE HORN OF AFRICA

REF: (A) STATE 025994; (B) STATE 025963

1. I MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THIS AFTERNOON AND GAVE HIM
THE PRESIDENT'S TWO LETTERS OF JANUARY 30 AND 31. FONSEC
MEHTA WAS ALSO PRESENT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S SECOND LETTER ON THE HORN
OF AFRICA, AND THE RELATED INFORMATION ON THE BUILD-UP OF
SOVIET NAVAL FORCES IN THE RED SEA, THE PM INDICATED THAT HE
WAS ABOUT TO WRITE PRESIDENT BREZHNEV, AND HE INSTRUCTED FON-
SEC MEHTA TO INCLUDE AN EXPRESSION OF CONCERN ABOUT WHAT THEY
UNDERSTOOD WAS AN INCREASING SOVIET MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN
THAT AREA. THE PM SAID THAT THE SOVIETS SHOULD SEE THAT SUP-
PLYING OF ARMS AND THE BUILD-UP OF FORCES THERE WOULD ONLY
AGGRAVATE EXISTING TENSIONS. HE ALSO INSTRUCTED THAT THE LET-
TER TO BREZHNEV BE CONSTRUCTED TO EXPRESS HIS OWN DEEP CON-
CERN, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO COMMUNICATIONS FROM WASHINGTON.

3. THE PM VOLUNTEERED HE WAS ALSO TROUBLED ABOUT THE CUBAN
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INVOLVEMENT IN ETHIOPIA BUT THAT HE FELT THERE WAS NOTHING HE
COULD DO ABOUT IT DIRECTLY. THE FONSEC SAID THEY WERE PICK-
ING UP MORE RUMORS THAT SAUDI ARABIA, IRAN AND WEST GERMANY
WERE PROVIDING ARMS TO SOMALIA. I REMINDED HIM OF THE ASSUR-
ANCE GIVEN BY SECRETARY VANCE THAT WE WERE NOT AUTHORIZING
THE TRANSFER THERE OF AMERICAN SUPPLIED ARMS. HE REITERATED
THAT THERE IS NO TRUTH IN CONTINUING REPORTS THAT INDIA IS

SUPPLYING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA.
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